Hoax call regarding bomb in Parliament House

†*242. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an E-mail was received with regard to the rumour of a bomb planted in the Parliament House;

(b) if so, whether accused have been caught; and

(c) the details of the terrorist organization working behind the said rumour/E-mail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. An e-mail was received on 16th December, 2005 at the Central Mail Box of U.S. Embassy, New Delhi to the effect that there would be a bomb blast in the Parliament and Consulates of United States in India at 1146 hrs on 16.12.2005.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The investigation into the case conducted so far has revealed that the e-mail was sent from an internet face called "Broadband Net Cafe", Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, by an unknown person. No terrorist organisation, which could be behind sending the e-mail, has so far been identified nor has any claimed the responsibility. Investigation into the case registered vide FIR No. 150/05 on 16.12.2005 by the Special Cell of Delhi Police is continuing.

Ratio of manufacturing sector to GDP

†*243. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last decade contribution of the manufacturing sector to the Gross Domestic Product remained between 15 per cent to 17 per cent.

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the current decade

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Government have fixed a target to increase its contribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) As per the National Accounts Statistics (2005) compiled by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), the contribution of the manufacturing sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the decade of 1993-94 to 2003-04 varied between 16.1% in 1993-94 and 17.0% in 2003-04.

(c) and (d) No specific target has been fixed for the current decade for increasing the percentage of the manufacturing sector in the GDP. However, for the 10th Plan (2002—07), the target of overall industrial growth has been fixed at 8.9% per annum.

Guidelines for FDI in retail trade

†*244. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued guidelines for FDI in retail trade of 'single brand' products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the companies which have filed their applications with the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) for prior approval with the names of 'brands'?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 51% with prior Government approval, in the retail trade of 'Single Brand' products. The Guidelines notified vide Press Note 3 (2006), inter alia, provide that:

(i) Products to be sold should be of 'Single Brand' only;

(ii) Products should be sold under the same brand internationally; and

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